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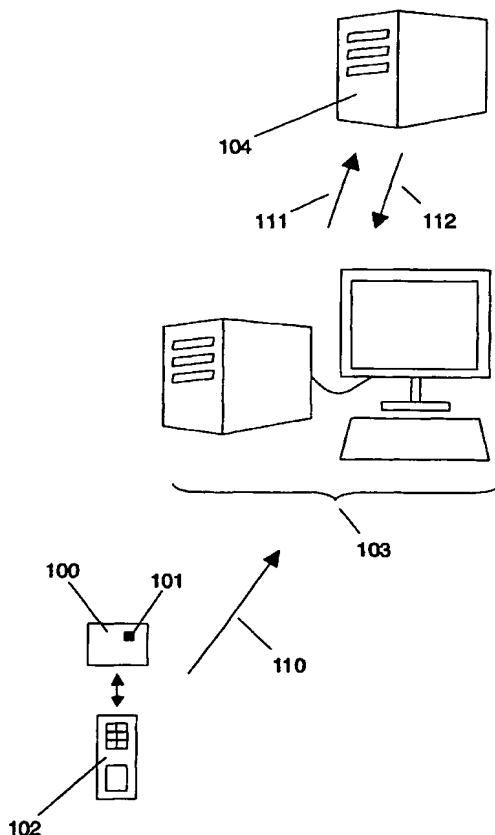
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(54) Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING DIGITAL RIGHTS



(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to methods and a system for managing digital rights. The invention is based on the idea that a digital voucher (100) is provided with access control information for accessing digital content located on a server (104) of a content provider. A consumer of the digital content reads the voucher (100) by means of a bar code reader, an RF detector (102) or the like. This reading means (102) is connected to some computing means (103) such as a computer, a mobile phone, a PDA, a set-top box etc. The computing means (103) transfers the access control information to a server (104) of a content provider. The server (104) to which the access control information is transferred processes the access control information, and depending on the result of the processing, the computing means (103) is given different levels of access to digital content located on the server (104).

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